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14 |12 ISABEL YOUNG: Well, about five years ago I
15 |13 read that the man who was head of the Los Alamos Lab
16 |14 during the war stated that the nuclear waste could be
17 |15 neutralized. Then it came up just about a few months
18 |16 ago when I was talking to one of our prominent lawyers,
19 |17 and he said, oh, Isabel, that's a myth.

20 |18 Well, my name is Isabel Young. And I'm -- the
21 |19 mayor has nicknamed me an activist. I'm more of a
22 |20 positive thinker. My mother was one. And she used to
23 |21 say there's only two answers, yes or no. Never take no
24 |22 for an answer. And I don't.

25 |23 The end result was I was talking to this

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1 |24 lawyer, and he said, oh, that's a myth. I said, well, I
2 |25 understand they do it in France and almost all of

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4 | 1 Europe. And I wasn't sure how many countries in Europe
5 | 2 did it. But that prompted me to call the embassy in
6 | 3 Washington -- the French Embassy in Washington and ask
7 | 4 them, do you neutralize the waste. And they forwarded
8 | 5 me something from one of their doctors who was in charge
9 | 6 of the nuclear energy.

10 | 7 In essence, it says, I've been forwarded your
11 | 8 request sent to the French Trade Commission. And this
12 | 9 is what it says. "I'm not sure what you mean by
13 |10 neutralizing. Only two ways, France is reprocessing and
14 |11 recycling." Well, it's just terminology. "And they
15 |12 spent fuel from commercial reactors leading to slightly
16 |13 enriched uranium and plutonium to be recycled as Mox,
17 |14 M-O-X, fuel and high-level waste, which is a fission
18 |15 product. And minor" -- I never heard of this word --
19 |16 actonaise (phonetic), which is vitrified." I guess that
20 |17 means put in glass. I'm not sure. "All this does is
21 |18 limit the volume and the radioactivity of the waste, but
22 |19 it does not address the need for long-term management of
23 |20 some waste. And may I suggest you look at our web
24 |21 site." And then he gives the web site.

25 |22 Well, of course, then I called our nuclear

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1 |23 waste office here in Carson and I said to them, are they
2 |24 neutralizing it in France. And they said, yes, they do,
3 |25 but it's economically feasible there, but not

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5 | 1 economically feasible here.
6 | 2 Well, that's a joke. If this, as the richest
7 | 3 country in the world, can't do it and France can do it,
8 | 4 there's something wrong. However, like most -- like the
9 | 5 thermal plants and other plants, it usually takes ten
10 | 6 years or so to build. But I think, and I'm sure you all
11 | 7 agree, that people should keep their waste in the state
12 | 8 that the waste is in. And then definitely -- and then
13 | 9 you'd have -- do away with the nuclear plants.

14 |10 And I think it's called -- I don't know if any
15 |11 of your people read the Nevada Appeal this morning.
16 |12 There was an article by a man Lodi Bettaneri (phonetic).
17 |13 And I spoke with him. He's in Las Vegas tonight. And
18 |14 he spoke of the fuelcell2000.com web site. He said it
19 |15 would be interesting to look at it, because there's no
20 |16 need for us to do what we're doing.

21 |17 And I think we all agree. It's kind of like
22 |18 we're listening to these people, and like five years
23 |19 ago, when I called up Senator Bryant's office and spoke
24 |20 to them, and they said -- I said, why aren't we hearing
25 |21 about this if they're doing it in France? And he said,

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1 |22 the DOE isn't interested, one of his representatives.
2 |23 So I said, make them interested. This is ridiculous.

3 |24 But then it came up again, as I say, recently
4 |25 when I was speaking to one of our prominent lawyers, who

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6 | 1 told me it was a myth they do it in France. Obviously,
7 | 2 it's not a myth, because I have a fax from the embassy
8 | 3 in Washington saying that they do it.

9 | 4 But whatever you call it, whether you call it
10 | 5 reprocessing or recycling, that is the answer, not to
11 | 6 bury it in Yucca Mountain, because who knows whether all

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12 | 7 the money that was spent, that's where the money is.
13 | 8 There's no profit in nuclear waste, but there's profit
14 | 9 in asking your government for \$10 million to devise a
15 |10 container to put it in, or \$10 million to test the soil
16 |11 at Yucca Mountain and find out it will or won't. And so
17 |12 we won't be around in 10,000 years. We won't know
18 |13 whether they really did what they said they did.
19 |14 So I would say write letters, make phone calls,
20 |15 stand up and be heard. And that's certainly what's
21 |16 happened tonight. I don't think that we have to worry
22 |17 about how we conduct these meetings. We could conduct
23 |18 them on a corner. But at any rate, I think, talk to
24 |19 your neighbors and tell them to make phone calls to
25 |20 Senator Reid, to anyone they can think of, write

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1 |21 letters -- write a letter, that must be a foreign word.
|22 I mean E-mail them. Do anything to make yourself known.
2 |23 Because, if they know that you are interested, they'll
|24 do something.

3 |25 I'm sorry, I can't read it from here. Your

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4 | 1 time is up, maybe; is that what it says?
| 2 Thank you.